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The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

In connection with the NSC discussion last week with regard to the future of democracy in the newly emerging states of the world, you might possibly be interested in reading a remarkable letter which Macaulay wrote just over a hundred years ago to a friend of his in New York, making dire predictions about the future of our own free institutions and containing the picturesque phrase that "Your Constitution is all sail and no anchor."

The fallacy of Macaulay's long range judgment with regard to us has been fairly well demonstrated and it might justify us in long range optimism for other less happily situated countries but I fear that there will be a considerable period during which the Macaulay theory will raise its ugly head in many parts of Asia and Africa and even Latin America.

Respectfully yours,

SIGNED

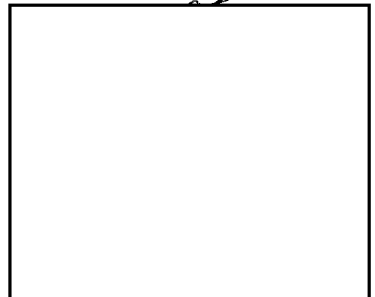
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Memorandum for General Goodpaster:

I enclose a note which you might pass on to the President unless you happen to know that he is familiar with the Macaulay letter.

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